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In re Application of:

Schaller, et al.

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION AND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

This is a response to the Restriction dated November 28, 2003 and a Preliminary Amendment. A four month extension request is being filed herewith to extend the period for response to the Restriction from December 28, 2003 to April 28, 2004.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows.

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